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Sir:

This paper is timely filed in response to the final Office Action mailed August 5, 2009 in the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections in view of the amendments and remarks shown on the following pages:

- I. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2;
- II. The **Remarks** begin on page 30; and
- III. The **Conclusion** begins on page 35.